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Dear Jerry,

Here is a copy of one of the two documents I spoke of yesterday. It is an FBI report that not only precisely positions Governor Connally's thigh wound but also gives the size of the fragment remaining in his thigh. It is totally lacking in the Report. Note how precise it is.

I believe that it is possible to estimate the weight of a fragment of lead of this size and general description, that the weight will be more than the 2.4 grains presumeably missing from Bullet 399, and that this accounts for its absence from the Report.

What this really means in goodbye single-bullet theory hence byebye Report, for Doctor Shaw alone said there were more than three grains in the wrist wound alone when he saw it (making a clear possibility more had been in the wound and worked its way out ~~in~~ while the governor's body was in motion), Doctor Shires reported to Arlen Specter in Dallas that there was a chest fragment (and, although he was the doctor in charge of the case, was not thereafter presented to the members of the Commission in Washington), and this added....? I have had an informal estimate of the weight of thisfragment made by a chemist. He estimates over three grains but close to it. Thus this fragment, alone andwithout consideration of what is in the evidence, destroys the entire Report and the phoney "solution" of the crime.

The Baltimore Sun will have this for use p.m. 2/24, your day. Please do not use it earlier unless in a release for use at that time, if you find it worthy.

After speaking to you yesterday it occurred to me that instead of your using 500 words of the draft I left with you there is another aspect I will be doing for myself and can give you 500 words on that will appeal to a different audience and possibly interest others, especially in your paper. I could do a thing on the false inference that Connally is responsible for the car going under that window, hence the assassination. Texas people could be interested. Imagine BOOKS defending Governor Connally and Texas! But I think it could be newsworthy. Of course, the inference that Connally was responsible is really the inference that Johnson did it, a suggestion that abounds in the skilful Manchester diatribes. I think that inference outside a play or poem is evil, awful and self-defeating.

If the wire services do not use the other document, I'll copy and mail it by Saturday. The enclosed letter is the one I couldn't find last week. It was in my case but I missed it. You have had several items on Manchester in recent issues, Have you any emplification?

Sincerely,